



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 November 19, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR "WILDLIFE INSPIRED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
FOR NATURE" PROGRAM FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANT PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed "Wildlife Inspired Leadership Development for Nature (WILD 4 Nature) Program" is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the program consists of educational or training programs involving no physical changes of the environment and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Adopt a Resolution to complete the submission process of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$43,000 for the WILD 4 Nature program under the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program, with a total project cost of \$86,000.
3. Delegate the authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the

mentioned program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of these recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State). The State has specific guidelines for grant programs and requires an adopted resolution to approve the program from the applicant's governing Board.

The "Wildlife Inspired Leadership Development for Nature (WILD 4 Nature) Program" will create life-altering experiences that will encourage teens to choose a path towards nature. These experiences will be achieved as follows:

1) Rallies for Wildlife: Teens Wanted!—These fun, high-energy, educational and entertaining rallies will be open to the local communities and people of all ages. True to its name, these rallies will elicit excitement among the attendees by featuring local conservation and environmental organizations as keynote speakers and exhibitors. In addition, the rallies will promote environmental awareness and stewardship. Attendees will come face to face with California native wildlife during presentations and hands on activities. Teens will then be invited to take part in a lottery for a chance to participate in the WILD 4 Nature expedition.

2) Catalina Expedition—One-hundred inner-city teens from disadvantaged communities will embark on a three-day, two-night adventure to Emerald Bay on Santa Catalina Island. Twenty-six miles away from the din of their electronics and dimness of fluorescent lights, teens will be exposed to the unique island ecosystem of Catalina. Here, where the sounds echo from canyon walls and the night skies lit by stars, they will witness a sense of beauty, and experience calm and refuge from a sometimes challenging urban environment.

3) Conservation Contribution—Building on the collective experience of the rally for wildlife and wildlife expedition, teens will be reunited three months later for an environmental service project, a follow up survey and recognition for program completion. This culminating event will reinforce the lessons learned and experiences gained from WILD 4 Nature.

The location of the proposed programs are Belvedere Community Regional Park, 4914 East Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles; Franklin D. Roosevelt Park, 7600 Graham Ave., Los Angeles; El Cariso Community Regional Park, 13100 Hubbard St., Sylmar; Adventure Park, 10130 S. Gunn Ave., Whittier; Loma Alta Park, 3330 N. Lincoln Ave., Altadena; Camp Emerald Bay, Santa Catalina Island; and Los Angeles County Royal Palms Beach.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by enhancing recreational opportunities that benefit County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County cost.

The total project cost for the WILD 4 Nature Program is \$86,000. The grant request is for \$43,000.

There is a required 50 percent match. If the grant is awarded, each Board of Supervisor's office has committed \$2,000 (for a total of \$10,000), and the Department of Parks and Recreation and program partners (County of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, Children's Nature Network and County of Los Angeles Nature Center Associates) will provide \$33,000 of in-kind labor.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department to apply for grant funding to operate a nature-based recreation program. Upon award of grant and program operations, the Department does not anticipate additional operating costs as all program expenditures will be satisfied within the Department's existing appropriation and/or offset with revenue from the grant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Resolution is to authorize the submission of a grant application to the State under the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program. This grant program is funded by Proposition 117 enacted by the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

Grant guidelines require adoption of a Resolution to establish the governing Board's intent to apply for and accept the State provisions in the guidelines. The Resolution will complete the grant submission process.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed WILD 4 Nature program is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15322 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project consists of educational or training programs involving no physical changes of the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that one adopted copy of this action be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office-Capital Projects Division, and two adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Imee Perius at (213) 738-2972 or iperius@parks.lacounty.gov, Faith Parducho at (213) 738-2811 or fparducho@parks.lacounty.gov, Vanessa Paniagua at (213) 738-2844 or vpaniagua@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AND
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of grant applications before submission of said grant applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Wildlife Inspired Leadership for Nature (WILD 4 Nature) program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of grant application for the WILD 4 Nature Program located at Belvedere Community Regional Park, 4914 East Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles; Franklin D. Roosevelt Park, 1600 Graham Ave., Los Angeles; El Cariso Community Regional Park, 13100 Hubbard St., Sylmar; 4) Adventure Park, 10130 S. Gunn Ave., Whittier; Lorna Alta Park, 3330 N. Lincoln Ave., Altadena; Camp Emerald Bay, Santa Catalina Island; and Los Angeles County Royal Palms Beach;
2. Authorizes acceptance of grant funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund;
3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the program included in these applications, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the program;
4. Certifies that the applicant has or will have the sufficient funds to operate and maintain the program;
5. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown grant administration guide;

6. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects; and
7. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 19th day of November, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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